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¶1. (C) Japan fully supports the appointment of Norwegian Political Director Kai Eide to be UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's Special Representative for Afghanistan, and will take advantage of any opportunity that presents itself to make that support known, according to MOFA Second Middle East Division Principal Deputy Director Motosada Matano. Matano also advised that Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Kenichiro Sasae plans to represent Japan at the NATO Summit at Bucharest and looks forward to meeting with Eide at that time. In addition, Sasae is making plans to visit Kabul either en route or on his return journey from Bucharest.
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